

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of requirement of teachers and their availability for primary,upper primary and secondary level schools,State-wise;
- (b) whether the availability of required numbers of teachers has gone down in the country including the tribal areas;
- (c) if so,the details thereof,State-wise; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A FATMI)

(a)to(d) The availability of teachers as reported by districts/States in the data base for District Information System for Education as of 2006,shows an increase in number of elementary school level teachers from 41.72 lakhs in 2004-05 to 52.18 lakhs in 2006-07 in the country.The Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) for primary level has improved to 36:1 and for upper primary 32:1,as a result.The details are given at Annexure.The States which still have a deficit of teachers are Bihar,Jharkhand,Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.The PTR for secondary schools is 1:33 as per Selected Educational Statistics 2005-06.